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An act relating to the procedure for conducting recounts

The House concurs in the Senate proposal of amendment with further amendment thereto as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, in 17 V.S.A. chapter 51, subchapter 9, in section 2602j (court hearing and judgment), in subsection (c), following “the marking of any ballot as defective in accordance with section 2547” by inserting “or subsection 2587(d)”

Second: In Sec. 1, in section 2602j (court hearing and judgment), in subsection (f), following “and after it has made a final decision on any questionable votes” by inserting “or defective ballots”

Third: In Sec. 31, 17 V.S.A. § 2543 (return of ballots), by striking out subsection (d) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

(d)(1) All early voter absentee ballots returned ~~to the clerk before the polls close on election day~~ as follows shall be counted:

(A) by any means, to the town clerk’s office before the close of business on the day preceding the election;

(B) by mail, to the town clerk’s office before the close of the polls on the day of the election; and

(C) by hand delivery to the presiding officer at the voter’s polling place.

(2) An early voter absentee ballot returned in a manner other than those set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not be counted.